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GENERAL NOTICE LETTER
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July 7, 2014

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Re:

General Notice Letter for the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site, Borough of Ringwood, Passaic County, New Jersey

Dear Sir:

This letter follows the general notice letter that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent to you in connection with the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site ("the Site"), located in the Borough of Ringwood, Passaic County, New Jersey. In that letter, EPA notified you of your potential responsibility under Section 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a), for the cleanup of the Site, including all costs incurred by EPA in responding to releases at the Site. EPA is now contacting you regarding implementation of response actions at the Site. The Agency has determined that use of the special notice procedures set forth in Section 122(e) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9622(e), is not warranted: given the limited scope of these negotiations (i.e., conduct of a remedial design) such procedures would not expedite the remedial action nor facilitate an agreement among the parties.

A Record of Decision ("ROD") for the Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site was signed by the EPA on June 30, 2014. The remedy described in this ROD addresses response actions needed for the Peters Mine Pit, Cannon Mine Pit and O'Connor Disposal Areas of the Site. By letter dated July 1, 2014, Frank Cardiello, Assistant Regional Counsel transmitted for your

consideration a draft Administrative Order on Consent ("AOC") and Statement of Work (SOW) for the remedial design of the ROD remedy to your respective counsels. The correspondence stressed the importance of completing negotiations on an AOC that is mutually acceptable and have that AOC signed by both Ford and the Borough by August 6, 2014. This letter reiterates the significance of completing negotiations in that time frame and the need to review and comment on the draft AOC and SOW no later than July 21, 2014.

Please give this matter your immediate attention. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Cardiello at (212) 637- 3148 for legal discussion or Mr. Joe Gowers at (212) 637- 4413 for technical issues. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Nicoletta Di Forte,

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U.S. EPA, Region 2

cc: Gary P. Gengel, Esq. Wanda Monahan